



American Committee of Molecular, Cellular and Immunoparasitology (ACMCIP)

Official Subgroup of the American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene

Take-Off Award in Parasitology Research

Purpose

The Take-Off Award recognizes an early-career stage scientist who has made significant contributions in the field of cellular, molecular and immunoparasitology.

Eligibility

The award is open to any early-career stage investigators (lecturer, instructor, research scientist, assistant professor) who are within five years of starting their independent program. The award recognizes individuals who have made important contributions in basic parasitology. These contributions must have been made after the receipt of their terminal degree. Nominees cannot be more than five years removed from their first faculty appointment at the time of the ASTMH Annual Meeting. The findings must have been published no more than five years before the date of the nomination. This award specifically recognizes accomplishments in the applicant's independent laboratory and not for publications during their postdoctoral training.

Funding and Announcement

This award carries a stipend of \$2,000 US to enable the awardee plus a member of their lab to attend the 2026 Annual Meeting. The awardee can use the funds for any purpose, including travel and registration costs for the ASTMH Annual Meeting for themselves and a member of their lab. The recipient will be recognized during the annual ACMCIP Trager, Trainee, and Take-off Symposium. The awardee will also provide a presentation during the Symposium.

Application requirements

- ASTMH members and non-members may submit nominations; the nominee does not need to be an ASTMH member. Self-nominations will not be accepted.
- Nominations of individuals underrepresented in science are strongly encouraged.
- Nominations must include:
 - Brief CV (four page maximum).
 - Letter of nomination that clearly states the timing and significance of the scientific contribution and succinctly explains why the nominee is a suitable recipient.
 - High-resolution recent photo.
- Beginning May 19, [submit your nomination online](#).
- Application deadline: June 15, 2026.

Determination

Nominations will be reviewed by a selection panel chaired by the ACMCIP President-Elect and at least two other members, senior researchers with expertise within the ACMCIP remit. The selection panel will be balanced regarding gender and ethnicity reflective of ACMCIP membership. The panel is empowered to add a member(s) if specific scientific expertise is required. An award may not be given every year.